SN	STPI Centres	States
5	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
6	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
7	Guwahati	Assam
8	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
9	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
10	Jaipur	Rajasthan
11	Mohali	Punjab
12	Mysore	Karnataka
13	Manipal	Karnataka
14	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
15	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
16	Pune	Maharashtra
17	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
18	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
19	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh

Exploitation of Child Labourers

†*457. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by the International Labour Organisation on exploitation of child labourers;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the facts thereof; and

(c) Government's views with regard to India's participation in the International Child Labour Abolition Programme alongwith the details of the schemes sponsored?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) ILO has been raising the issue of the need to progressively eliminate child labour the world over, giving priority to its worst forms.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a sequential approach

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has been adopted beginning with elimination of child labour from hazardous occupations. So far, National Child Labour Projects for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work have been sanctioned in 100 child labour endemic districts in the country. The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children in 13 occupations and 57 processes.

(c) India was the first country to join ILO's International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) in 1992. The action programmes taken up under IPEC cover areas such as awareness raising, rehabilitation and education. 165 action programmes have been taken up under IPEC from 1992 to till date, for coverage of about 90,000 children. 17 projects are under implementation in the country as on June 2001.

Utilisation of MPLADS Fund

*458. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand has been made for widening the scope and guidelines for utilising the MPLADS funds specifying the nature of projects to be funded therewith; and

(b) if so, whether the guidelines have been widened and in respect of which schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The Guidelines on MPLADS are under constant review. Suggestions received from the Members of Parliament for amendments to the Guidelines are considered in consultation with the MPLADS Committees of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and on the basis of their recommendations, necessary changes are brought in the Guidelines.

(b) Recently, Guidelines have been amended to allow works belonging to registered societies & trusts and vesting the ownership only of the assets created out of MPLADS funds in Government in lieu of transfer of land.

Reservation for SC/ST/OBC in Armed Forces

†*459. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to provide

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